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1. SUMMARY: RECENT CONTACTS WITH [redacted] REINFORCE OUR VIEW THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE A POSITIVE STAND IN COOPERATING WITH THE US ON THE NARCOTICS/COCA CONTROL PROBLEMS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE NARCOTICS COORDINATOR, AS CHARGE, AND NAU OFFICERS HAVE HAD A SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR DE LA JARA AND NEW GUARDIA CIVIL OFFICIALS CONCERNING COOPERATION BETWEEN THE US AND PERU IN NARCOTICS/COCA CONTROL.

3. THE VISIT OF ICDA DIRECTOR, THOMAS EHRLICH, (REFTEL) ALSO GAVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAMS AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE GOP. IN A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BELAUNDE AND SEVERAL CABINET OFFICIALS ON AUGUST 13, MR. EHRLICH MENTIONED HOW IMPORTANT PERUVIAN COOPERATION ON THE DRUG PROBLEM WAS TO THE U.S.G. [redacted]

4. ON AUGUST 14, CHARGE AND NAU OFFICERS CALLED ON [redacted] THE CHARGE EMPHASIZED TO HIM THE IMPORTANCE THE US PLACES ON THE CONTROL OF ILLEGAL COCA PRODUCTION AND NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING. HE NOTED THAT, THE STATIONING OF A RURAL MOBILE PATROL IN TINGO MARIA WILL BE AN IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD [redacted]

THE CHARGE AGAIN EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE TO US/PERUVIAN RELATIONS OF ILLICIT COCA AND NARCOTICS CONTROL [redacted]

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THE MEETINGS WITH THE NEW GC OFFICIALS SERVED TO ACQUAINT THEM WITH THE PRIORITY US PLACES ON PROGRESS IN EFFECTIVE CONTROL PROGRAMS IN THE TARGET AREA OF TINGO MARIA AND THE UPPER HUALLAGA VALLEY. AFTER OUR INITIAL MEETING WITH [redacted] THE GC COMPLETED ITS ESTIMATES FOR REFURBISHING A HEADQUARTERS IN TINGO MARIA AND IS NOW CONSIDERING THE USE OF A BUILDING OF THE AGRICULTURE MINISTRY IN THAT CITY AS A TEMPORARY BASE UNTIL THE WORK CAN BE COMPLETED.

THE PROPOSED NEW NARCOTICS LAW (OR AMENDMENT OF EXISTING LAWS) IS A POTENTIAL CLOUD ON THE HORIZON [redacted]

ALTHOUGH WE HAVE TRIED TO DISCOURAGE THE GC FROM EXPECTING HELICOPTERS FROM US, WE CAN EXPECT THEM TO RETURN TO THIS THEME FREQUENTLY.

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